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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd  
Chief Clerk and Administrator  
South Carolina Public Service Commission  
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building  
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Re: South Carolina Telephone Coalition Petition to Modify Alternative  
Regulation Plans Filed Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(b) to  
Take Into Account Recent Action by the Federal Communications  
Commission  
**Docket No. 2013 - \_\_\_\_\_ - C**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On Friday, February 8, 2013, we filed a petition on behalf of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition in the above-referenced matter. We asked for expedited review and for the appointment of a Hearing Officer. Attached for filing in connection with the Petition please find a proposed Notice of Filing and Hearing. We will forward a copy of this Notice in Word format to you as well.

To help expedite this matter, we have communicated and have shared a copy of the Petition with representatives for the following parties who typically take an interest in telecommunications matters before the Commission: Office of Regulatory Staff; AT&T; Frank Ellerbe (Time Warner and other clients); Jack Pringle (CompSouth, Sprint and other clients); CenturyLink; Frontier; and Windstream. We will provide those parties with a copy of this letter and the attached proposed Notice as well.

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We would appreciate your assistance in expediting this matter for the reasons stated in the Petition. Please let us know if you have any questions or need anything further.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CLERK'S OFFICE

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2013-\_\_-C

Docket Summary: South Carolina Telephone Coalition Petition to Modify Alternative Regulation Plans Filed Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(B) to Take Into Account Recent Action by the Federal Communications Commission

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") has filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") a Petition seeking to have the Commission establish new price caps for basic local residential service provided under alternative regulation plans filed by SCTC member companies. The existing plans cap basic local residential service at the statewide average rate for such service. SCTC's petition asks that the Commission establish new price caps for basic local residential service at the applicable nationwide average rates for such service. SCTC's Petition states that the issuance by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") of its *USF-ICC Transformation Order* (FCC 11-161) constitutes a change of circumstances, providing the Commission with the statutory authority under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280(H) to establish new price caps. SCTC further states that such action is necessary and in the public interest, because it will allow SCTC member companies the flexibility to meet rate floors established by the FCC in order to continue receiving federal universal service funding for which they are eligible, which will ensure the continued provision of basic local service at affordable rates to South Carolina citizens.

A copy of the petition can be found on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under Docket No. 2013-\_\_-C. Additionally, a copy of the petition is available from the Petitioner's representative Margaret M. Fox, Esquire, McNair Law Firm, P.A., Post Office Box 11390, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before \_\_\_\_, and indicate the amount of time required to address the Commission. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2013-\_\_-C.*

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the Petitioner's representative at the above address, on or before \_\_\_\_, and indicate the amount of time required to address the Commission. *Please refer to Docket No. 2013-\_\_-C.*

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Commission, in writing, at the address below on or before \_\_\_\_\_. *Please refer to Docket No. 2013-\_\_-C.*

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

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